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Chief, Services Branch

1 November 1948

Chief, FBIS

Installation of Commercial Cable Company Service

1. During the past three months inability of the U. S. Army Signal Corps to handle FBIS traffic from London to Washington has made it necessary for this branch to transmit an average of approximately 8,000 words per day by commercial means. Present commercial transmission is performed entirely by the Western Union Telegraph Company.

2. Repeatedly during the above described period FBIS wordage from London has been beyond the immediate capacity of Western Union facilities. In each instance this has resulted in costly delays and loss in value of FBIS Daily and Special Reports.

3. On 29 October 1948 [redacted] of this branch held an informal conference with Mr. S. E. Grimes and Mr. W. L. Jones of the Commercial Cable Company.

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Subject to necessary approval by your office these officials of the Commercial Cable Company agreed to provide FBIS with London-Washington teletype cable service to include the following:

a. A circuit from the Commercial Cables Washington Office, terminating in a Model 15 sending and receiving machine and table at Briggs School. Terminal equipment at Commercial Cable Office in London would be made available for FBIS use.

b. Commercial Cable Company would install and maintain equipment without charge, and would furnish necessary teletype paper.

c. FBIS would be charged the same press rate as charged by Western Union for service on a cost-per-word basis. No other charges would be levied against FBIS, and no minimum wordage guarantee would be required.

This proposal provides, at no cost, a second commercial channel for FBIS's heaviest segment of traffic which might be of vital importance in the event of a European emergency.

4. It is therefore requested that:

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approval be granted for installation of Commercial Cable Company service between the Washington Office, FBIS and its

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London Bureau.

b. Your office initiate the necessary action to secure such service at the earliest possible date.

For prompt execution of service or for additional information required it is suggested that your office contact:



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Commercial Cable Company
8 Dupont Circle
Washington, D. C.
Tel. Adams 9000

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CC: Chief, Budget & Finance Branch

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